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SUBJ: PARAGUAYAN INTEREST IN JOINT FISHING VENTURE WITH US FIRMS

1. AT LATTER'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR MCKERNAN (ACCOMPANIED BY DELOFF RANDOLPH) MET AUGUST 27 WITH VICTOR MNUEL GODOY, ACTING HEAD OF THE PARAGUAYAN DELEGATION AND COUNSELOR OF THE PARAGUAYAN MISSION TO THE UN. GODOY SAID PARAGUAY WANTS VERY MUCH TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO BOTH LIVING AND NON-LIVING OCEAN RESOURCES AND IS PRESSING HARD FOR LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN THE RIGHT (NOT PRIVILEGES) TO SUCH RESOURCES UNDER THE EVENTUAL LOS TREATY. GODOY SAID THE GOP IS LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE WHEN PARAGUAY WILL HAVE ACCESS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER TO OCEAN RESOURCES, AND THAT THE GOP IS THINKING ABOUT ENTERING INTO JOINT VENTURES WITH FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY US, FISHING COMPANIES WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS TO GET PARAGUAY STARTED IN EXPLOITING PARAGUAY'S FUTURE SHARE OF

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OCEAN RESOURCES. GODOY EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOP IS QUITE AWARE

THAT ANY SUCH JOINT VENTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE FINANCIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO THE PRIVATE PARTICIPANT.

2. MCKERNAN REPLIED THAT THE US POSITION IS SYMPATHETIC TO LAND AND SHELF-LOCKED COUNTRIES, AND AGREED THAT IT COULD WELL BE THAT PARAGUAY WOULD ULTIMATELY GAIN SOME KIND OF ACCESS TO FISHERIES OFF ARGENTINA, URUGAY, OR BRAZIL UNDER THE FINAL LOS TREATY. MCKERNAN POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPORTANT FISH STOCKS OF THE PATAGONIAN SHELF ARE PRESENTLY UNDER EXPLOITED AND THAT FISH PRICES ARE CURRENTLY GOOD WITH EVERY EXPECTATION THEY WILL GET BETTER. IF PARAGUAY GAINED ACCESS TO THIS FISHING AREA, JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN US COMPANIES AND THE GOP WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE.

3. GODOY GAVE HIS NEW YORK ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO MCKERNAN, WHO AGREED TO PUT A NUMBER OF US FISHING COMPANIES WITH OVERAS INTERESTS IN TOUCH WITH HIM. SO THAT THE GOP WOULD HAVE A WIDE CHOICE FROM WHICH TO SELECT A PROSPECTIVE PARTNER OR PARTNERS.

4. GODOY SAID HE WAS PROCEEDING TO ASUNCION FROM CARACAS ON AUGUST 29 TO REPORT TO THE GOP ON THE RESULTS OF THE CARACAS CONFERENCE, AND THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO HIS POST IN NEW YORK AFTER ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN ASUNCION. GODOY THANKED MCKERNAN FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AND STRESSED THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HIS APPROACH, NOTING THAT IF ESPECIALLY THE ARGENTINES SHOULD GET WIND OF IT, THEIR OPPOSITION TO ACCESS TO OCEAN RESOURCES BY LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES WOULD INTENSIFY STILL FURTHER.

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